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**WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/August 14-September 1, 2003**

(Note: This update covers a two-week period)

**HOLIDAY TRAVEL ALERT:** Most construction work will be suspended by noon on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> through Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in anticipation of increased holiday traffic with the exception of work on US 395 south of Colville. At that location, single-lane traffic is controlled with a signal.

**US 2/Fairchild Main Gate Turn Lane (MP 275)**-Minor items remain. No delays.

**US 2/Eastbound I-90 On-Ramp Repair (MP 283)**-On Tuesday, August 19 from about 8:30 a.m. to around 3:30 p.m., WSDOT crews will be performing repairs on this bridge over I-90. The bridge will be reduced to one lane. This is the bridge that crosses over I-90 as eastbound US 2 joins with eastbound I-90. Eastbound US 2 traffic may see some slow traffic and congestion. No I-90 traffic impacts.

**SR 20-Clark Street/City of Republic (MP 303)**-Utility and sidewalk work underway. This is a City of Republic project. Contact (509)775-2929.

**SR 20/Ruby Mountain to Newport (MP 404-436)**-Paving operations, including a chip seal section, will be underway in several different areas of this project over the next couple weeks. Also some shoulder work. There is also work scheduled on Saturday, August 16. Motorists should expect some delays where work is underway. While chip seal work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

**SR 21/Lind to I-90 (MP 25-37)**- Chip seal work planned for Monday and Tuesday, August 18-19 with fog sealing planned for Friday, August 22. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

**SR 21/Golden Harvest Creek (MP 155)**-Work is underway on this culvert replacement project in Ferry County. Motorists should expect alternating one-ways traffic 24 hours per day controlled by stop signs.

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**SR 26-Colfax/Palouse River Bridge (MP 133)**-Most work has been suspended until mid-September to allow for harvest traffic. All lanes open and the temporary signal has been turned off. Because some work remains the speed reduction will stay in place. **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 35 mph on SR 26 in the vicinity of this project.

**I-90/Salnavé Road Interchange to Geiger Blvd. Interchange (MP 265-275)**-Paving operations are complete, however some fog sealing work will be underway with lane and ramp restrictions at times. Some shoulder work may be underway. Also, some very intermittent rock blasting work may also be underway. There are a couple of small spots that need to be completed. Blasting requires that I-90 be closed in both directions for up to 10 minutes. Road work should be complete by Friday, August 22. **VARIABLE SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 55mph in the vicinity of this project when lanes restrictions are in place. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit signs.

**I-90/Sunset Hill to Argonne (MP 278-287)**- Work is underway on this project to upgrade the existing electronic system used to monitor and coordinate traffic flows throughout the I-90 corridor. Contractor crews will be working with electrical conduit along Sprague Avenue between Division Street and Hatch Street (about 6 blocks east of Division). No freeway traffic impacts

**HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Latah Creek Bridge (MP 279)**- On Wednesday and Thursday, August 20-21, from about 9:00 a.m. to around 3:30 p.m., WSDOT crews will be performing repairs in the westbound inside lane on the Latah Creek Bridge. Westbound I-90 will be reduced to two through lanes. Motorists should expect slow traffic, congestion, and possible delays during this work.

**HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Sullivan Road to Idaho Border (MP 292-299)**-Several components of work underway:

- Weekend work-Westbound paving between Barker and Flora on Saturday (8/16) from 6:00 a.m. until Noon. Motorists should expect a single westbound lane with slow traffic, congestion, and delays.
- Weekend Work-Eastbound permanent lane marking installation on Saturday (8/16) from 6am throughout the day from Sullivan to the Idaho border. Motorists should expect a single eastbound lane with slow traffic, congestion, and delays.
- Night work-Some night work with possible lane closures during the week.
- Shoulder items may be underway throughout the week with shoulder restrictions.
- **VARIABLE SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 55mph in the vicinity of this project when lanes restrictions are in place. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit signs.
- All major roadway work should be complete by Friday, August 29.

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**Interstate 90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)**-Off road items underway. On westbound I-90, night work with barrier placement should get underway the week of August 18. Westbound motorists should expect nighttime lane closures when this work is in progress. No weekend or holiday work. No eastbound impacts.

**US 195/Spangle to Excelsior Drive (MP 80-88)**-Minor items.

**SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/4 Replacement (MP 0.4-0.6)**- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and just west of Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

**SR 291/Unstable Slope Repair (MP 11.5)**-Work is underway near the Stevens County line with rock scaling and bolting operations to repair the unstable slope. During construction hours motorists should expect single lane traffic controlled by flaggers with delays. **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** The legal speed limit is now 35 mph on SR 291 in the vicinity of this project.

**US 395-Division St./Hawthorne Rd. and Hastings Rd. Intersections in North Spokane (MP 165 & 166)**-WSDOT crews will be placing permanent crosswalk markings at these intersections. Motorists may see some intermittent lane restrictions during the week of August 18.

**US 395/Immel Rd. to Arden (MP 212-223)**-Pavement repair underway. Some delays with flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic. Extensive shoulder work is underway in the vicinity of 12 Mile Road with a one lane roadway. A temporary traffic signal is in place to direct traffic 24 hours per day.

**US 395 / Hawthorne Avenue Intersection (MP 228.92)** Main Street work is under way, with the new roundabout intersection in operation. Roundabout signage is provided. Several traffic Islands are being constructed. Access to the east leg of Hawthorne is shut down. A detour at Locust is provided for "Hawthorne east" traffic. Some Construction activities will take place within and adjacent to the roundabout. Some traffic restrictions will occur as construction activities enter the construction site. Irrigation and Electrical work will be proceeding. Concrete trucks will be making deliveries to the site. Striping is being done. The project is scheduled to be completed around September 15th. This is a City of Colville project with WSDOT participation. For detailed information call (509) 684-2244.

**US 395/Colville (MP 230)**-Contractor crews working with the City of Colville will be constructing lighting for the Wal-Mart near 8<sup>th</sup> Street in north Colville. Possible lane restrictions.

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